Benhaven High School

REUNION

OF

CLASSES 1927 - 1977

NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 1997

DENNIS A. WICKER CIVIC CENTER
&
BENHAVEN SCHOOL

BENHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

November 28, 1997 - Dennis A. Wicker Civic Center
November 29, 1997 - Open House at Benhaven School

Dinner/Dance Program at Civic Center

6:00pm - Fellowship
7:00pm - Meal by Brickhouse Catering
8:00pm - Program
Welcome
Donald Buie - Master of Ceremonies
Invocation
Joe Holmes
Roll Call of Classes- 20's,30's,40's,50's,60's & 70's
Recognition of Faculty
Saturday Open House Activities - Steve McNeill
Bulldog Hall of Fame
Dramatic Reading and Slide Presentation

"Our School" Written by Dr. Lynn Veach Sadler

Leader - Ed McCormick
1st Reader - Ed Cameron
2nd Reader - Lucille Howard York
3rd Reader - Lorena Pace Batchelor
4th Reader - Al Graham
5th Reader - Barbara Buie Anderson
6th Reader - Tony Cox
7th Reader - Janet Brower
8th Reader - Marcus Cameron
9th Reader - Patsy Thomas Hattler

Ensemble
Claudia Currin Pace
Etta Howard Love

Cheerleaders
Chief- Mary Frances Cooke Reese
Billie Campbell Hickox, Evelyn Pace Cranford
Dorma Cooke Hillard, Brenda Carter Lawson
Jean Johnson McGehee, Irene Carter Thomas

Scottish Dancers
Gwen Campbell Dixon
Ruby Sullivan Campbell
Anne McDougald Pope

Slide Projectionist
Barbara Denise

Dance 9:00pm - 12:00 Midnight
DJ - Blair "Space Cowboy" Cameron

NOTE: The Slide Show will be shown again during the Dance to give you more time to look at each picture. Also, during the Dramatic Reading when mention is made of the number of veterans that served in WWII, we want all veterans that served to stand when their branch of service is called.

Alumni cheerleaders are going to return during the reading and are going to lead us in a cheer. At the end of the presentation, Etta Love and Claudia Pace are going to lead us as we sing the 1st verse of the School Song printed below.

ALMA MATER

Come let all thy sons and daughters,
Sing, O School, of thee,
Raise aloud in joyful chorus
Songs of Loyalty.
Lift your voices, let them tell
Of love and faithfulness.
Working always, working ever,
For Old B. H. S.

SATURDAY OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

REUNION CAR SHOW

Cars from 1927 to 1977
Vehicles must be registered by 11:30am Saturday.
Show hours are 9:00am to 3:00pm.
The cars will be located on the football field.

INDIVIDUAL CLASS REUNIONS

are scheduled for 10:00 am according to the following room assignments:

GRAD. CLASS	TEACHER	ROOM LOCATED
Class of 1927-39	Ms. B. Keye	Two story front entrance downstairs 2nd room on left
Class of 1940-44	Ms. J. Thomas	Two story front entrance downstairs 1st room on right
Class of 1945-49	Ms. C. Burgess	Two story front entrance downstairs 1st room on left
Class of 1950-51	Ms. D. Bradley	Gym wing 1st room on right
Class of 1952-53	Ms. N. Tschappat	Gym wing 1st room on left
Class of 1954-55	Ms. T. Genthe	Gym wing 2nd room on right
Class of 1956-57	Ms. K. Foushee-Cameron	Two story upstairs 2nd room on left (science lab)
Class of 1958-59	Ms. L. Street	Gym wing last room at the end of the hall
Class of 1960-61	Ms. J. Pope	Gym wing 2nd room on left
Class of 1962-63	Ms. C. Quiggle	Gym wing 3rd room on left
Class of 1964-65	Ms. V. Chesney	Two story upstairs last room on right from gym end
Class of 1966	Ms. A. Sherrod	Two story upstairs first room on left from gym end
Class of 1967	Ms. C. Dzura	Two story upstairs first room on right from gym end
Class of 1968	Ms. K. Keye	Agriculture building classroom on the right
Class of 1969	Ms. J. McNeill	Agriculture building classroom on the left
Class of 1970	Ms. E. Johnson	Old building left hall last room on left
Class of 1971	Ms. M. Martin	Old building left hall first room on right
Class of 1972	Ms. S. Duty	Old building left hall first room on left
Class of 1973	Ms. C. Wells	Old building left hall second room on left
Class of 1974	Ms. K. Crawford	Old building right hall last room on right
Class of 1975	Ms. J. Williams	Old building right hall second room on right
Class of 1976	Ms. K. Fleming	Old building right hall first room on right
Class of 1977	Ms. A. Thomas	Old building right hall first room on left

Group pictures are to be made in the Gym
according to the following schedule:

Classes of 1927 - 1935 at 11:00am

Classes of 1936 - 1940 at 11:15

Classes of 1941 - 1945 at 11:30

Classes of 1946 - 1950 at 11:45

Classes of 1951 - 1955 at 12:00 noon

Classes of 1956 - 1960 at 12:15

Classes of 1961 - 1965 at 12:30

Classes of 1966 - 1970 at 12:45

Classes of 1971 - 1975 at 1:00

Classes of 1976 - 1977 at 1:15

The Jerry Miller prints of the school will be for sale in the
Gym during the photography schedule.
Prints numbered 1-10 will be sold by silent auction at that time.

Tee shirts will be available in the gym also.

Photo's will be 8 x 10 color for $10.00 which includes
postage and handling. Please try to assemble your
group and be on time.

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

The committee has scheduled various groups to perform in the auditorium according to the following schedule:

12:00 - Cox Family Trio
1:00 - Love Grove Male Chorus
2:00 - Olivia Good News Singers
3:00 - Johnsonville Male Chorus
4:00 - Cedar Creek Bluegrass Band

If you bring your spouse and family, they can enjoy the music while you visit.

REFRESHMENTS

Hot dogs, soft drinks and other food items will be for sale in the cafeteria.

EVALUATION

Please let the committee know what you enjoyed and what you would like to have seen different about the weekend.

We have discussed a similar event possibly in 2002.

Please let us know your wishes.

SPECIAL THANKS

A big thank you goes to all the committee members that helped with the labor of love of pulling together the mailing lists, the newsletters, the order forms, and doing what it took to make this a special weekend. Also, thanks to those individuals that donated money to help pay for everything.

BENHAVEN HALL OF FAME

The reunion committee wanted to spotlight some of the students who passed through the doors of Benhaven over the years.

The criteria that we set are as follows:

1. Nominees had to have attended Benhaven High School but not required to be a graduate.

2. Nominees had to have distinguished themselves by an outstanding career of Military, public and/or private service.

Those individuals selected are not to be recognized as the only distinguished Bulldogs but are representatives of the many scattered all over the world.

BENHAVEN BULLDOGS "HALL OF FAME"

Ruth Amerson
Class of 1974. She received a Bachelors of Social Work in 1978 from Livingstone College, Salisbury, NC. From September 1994-present, Ruth has been founder & Program Administrator of the first and only African-American adoption agency; **Another Choice for Black Children, Inc., Sanford, NC**. She served as Coordinator of Crisis Nursery & Therapeutic program with Lee-Harnett mental health center, Sanford from March 1989-1992. She was project Director of Legislative & Community Forum in Raleigh from March 1992-94. Ruth is an author of the 1995 edition of Another Choice Quarterly newsletter, 1993 video "Adoption: A Family Affair," and 1984 Book "Sissy" (A handbook on Sexual Abuse Prevention.)

Joyce Olive Belsma
Class of 1951. She attended WC in Greensboro for 2 years. After a tour in Europe as a military wife, she transferred to UNC Chapel Hill and graduated in 1966. Following graduation, she was inducted into the PHI BETA KAPPA National Honorary Society. She taught French in the Lee County Schools. She completed the Paralegal course at Central Carolina Community College and has worked as a Paralegal. Joyce now resides in Carolina Trace, Sanford.

Bob Brafford
Class of 1970. In 1972, he began his own masonry company while attending Fayetteville Technical Institute. In 1986 after attending Central Carolina Community College, he obtained his contractor's license. His company, Brafford Construction has been recognized by numerous building associations. The Western Harnett Recreation Department has benefited greatly from Bob's continual support. He has served as this group's director for 8 years. He has also coached baseball for several seasons. Bob is a past president of the Johnsonville Ruritans and currently serves as vice-president of the Sanford Area Homebuilder's Association.

Ted Brown
Class of 1970. After graduating, he soon began pursuing a dream of owning his own business. He first attended Sandhills Community College and then received a business degree from Appalachian State University. He accomplished his goal in 1979 by starting Brown's Backhoe Service which was later changed to Ted Brown Construction after receiving his general contracting license, which allows him to build residential commercial buildings, and install public water and sewer lines. He is a member of the Harnett County Planning Board, Harnett County Home Building Association, NC Septic Association, and a past member of the National Pool Association.

Alex Cameron
Class of 1934. He was self-employed operating the family farm. He was very active in civic, church, and community affairs. He served on the Harnett County Board of Commissioners for several years. From 1971-1980, he served on the Harnett County Board of Education. His influence can be seen in many of the county & school buildings and programs.

Amna Page Cameron
Class of 1977. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from East Carolina University with a BSBA degree in Management and Finance. While at ECU, Page became involved with a Christian organization called the Navigators. She went to Spain in 1984 to serve as a missionary for 2 years. She returned to the States in 1986 and moved to the Washington, DC area. Page now works as a Trust Associate with the First Union National Bank in Washington, DC and resides in Arlington, VA.

Audry Cameron
Class of 1958. After leaving Benhaven, Audry joined the US Army and served for 3 years. During part of his tour, he served as a Curriculum Specialist. After his discharge, he received a BS degree from North Carolina State University in 1965, a MS from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1968, and a Ph D from Ohio State University in 1969. He has served as a member of the faculties at NC State, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Ohio State, Clemson, and The University of Tennessee. At present, he serves as a Professor of Psycho educational Studies & Director of Tennessee's Career Information Delivery System. During 1978-80, he was on leave from the University to Tennessee to the US Department of Labor to serve as advisor for the design and development of a $200 million facility for education of vocational instructors in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Billy Ray Cameron
Class of 1962. He attended Oak Hill Academy, Wingate College, and NC State University. He served the country as a member of the US Marines during the Viet Nam conflict. After recuperating from injuries he received during the conflict, his professional and service career included serving as National Commander of the V.F.W. and Director of the NC Emergency Management Service. At the present time, he serves as assistant secretary of the NC Crime Control and Public Safety Agency. Billy Ray has met and personally knows every president of the United States since Richard Nixon.

Carl Cameron
Class of 1934. Carl attended NC State College where he majored in business and graduated as Lieutenant in the ROTC. He served four years in the army as a 1st Lieutenant. After serving in the army, Carl worked for his father that owned and operated H.C. Cameron Lumber Company. He had other businesses going for himself such as Cashway Wholesale in Sanford, NC. He owned and operated a 1-hour Dry Cleaner and other small businesses. In 1939, Carl copyrighted and published a Lumber Calculator Handbook called "Cameron's Calculator". Carl died in October of 1972.

David Blair Cameron
Class of 1975. He is a graduate of The School of Radio and TV at Central Carolina Community College. He has worked in radio 20 years in North Carolina and Texas. While in Texas, he worked with the #1 country station KPLX in Dallas. Blair appeared with Johnny Paycheck and other singers, and he worked as Entertainment Coordinator at South Fork Ranch where Larry Hagman asked him to be DJ at the end of the season Wrap Party for Dallas, the TV show. When he returned to Sanford, he worked with WWGP and WFJA-FM. People know him because of his personality and down-home flavor on the Swap Shop, a part of the morning show. Blair now has his own Professional DJ Service--Space Cowboy Productions in Sanford.

Edgar Lawrence Cameron, Jr.
Class of 1935. He was a commercial building contractor. He worked with the Post Engineers at Fort Bragg and served as superintendent of construction with Johnson/Geddes Contractors and Speros in Fayetteville. In 1965, he was one of the founders of DWC Contractors in Fayetteville where he worked until he retired in 1990. DWC did much work in Cumberland and surrounding counties. Some of the buildings in Lee County that DWC built are the Heins Building, East and West Lee Junior High Schools, and First Citizens Bank. Edgar Jr. lived in Sanford where he served as an Alderman for 12 years. He died in 1991.

Ed Cameron
Class of 1933. He graduated from Duke University and distinguished himself as a businessman through his farming and heavy equipment interests. He also has been heavily involved in community concerns. Most notable, serving as president of the Harnett County Historical Society during the reprinting of Malcolm Fowler's "They Passed This Way."

Marcus Cameron
Class of 1947. He graduated from Elon College in 1951 and entered into the United States Army the same summer. He served as a Pharmacy Intern at M.A.S.H Army Hospital in Korea. After his discharge in August of 1953, he entered the UNC School of Pharmacy graduating in 1956. He worked with Hickory Drug in Hickory, NC and Eckerd Drug in Greensboro, NC prior to joining Jonesboro Lee Drug in June of 1960 as a partner. Jonesboro Lee Drug is known for its warm friendly service and is especially popular with the Jonesboro lunch-time crowd.

Max Cameron
Class of 1954. He joined the Air Force after his graduation from college and was in Japan for a year, stationed at Itasuke. He was recognized for an Act of Heroism above and beyond the call of duty when Cameron barely escaped death in mid-December of 1961, when on a flying mission over Japan he attempted to head his crippled, flaming plane away from the village of Kashii and toward the sea before ejecting. Be it God's Will, the plane veered off the course, circled back, and crashed into a home. As an indication that the family of the Japanese Civilians that were killed by the crash bore no ill feelings, Cameron was invited and did attend the funeral of the victims. Japanese cremation rites are usually private. The news accounts of his shooting down a Russian made MIG-17 in the air over North Viet Nam on April 25, 1966, was picked up by the wire services and it made front page of the newspapers around the world.

Neil C. Cameron
Class of 1938. He graduated from NC State and served a tour in the US Air Force. He worked at Ft. Bragg after discharge approximately a year. He farmed until 1975. Neil was appointed magistrate in 1975 and retired in 1988. He is now growing roses, flowers, vegetables, and spending as much time as possible at his place at the beach.

Perry Cameron
Class of 1932. He has served The Barbecue Presbyterian Church both as a Deacon and Elder. He received a honorary Life Membership Award in October of 1994. He has been very active in the Ruritan Club, Benhaven Emergency Services, and many other community projects. Perry is a Charter Member of the Benhaven Ruritan Club and received the Ruritan of the Year Award in 1985 and The Benhaven Emergency Service Appreciation Plaque in 1987. Perry was a licensed electrical inspector. After World War II, he served as an assistant instructor to Mr. Fowler teaching the GI's of the Benhaven Community. In 1997, Perry was given two Blue Ribbons for his homemade wine at the 1997 Lee County Fair.

Gordon Clark
Class of 1957. Gordon has had a career in the entertainment business. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a Master's in Dramatic Arts. He has had success both as a writer and as an actor in New York. He played the leading role in Paul Green's "The Lost Colony" for two seasons. At the present time, he is Director of Publicity and Promotions of the North Carolina Zoo located in Asheboro, NC.

Robert Clegg
Class of 1972. Robert was selected to enter the Air Force Academy after high school. After graduating from the Air Force Academy, he enlisted in the Air Force as a Commissioner Officer. During his tour of duty, he flew one of the aircraft making the rescue mission of Quwait. He has served as the commander of the Air Force base in Las Vegas, NA. He is presently holding the rank of Lt. Col. Robert resides in Yorktown, VA.

John N. Cox
Class of 1969. At Benhaven , he gained various honors in Academic, Extracurricular and Athletic Activities such as: Beta Club; Monogram Club; Student Council; The I Dare You Award; All Conference Basketball 1966, 1967, and 1968; All-Eastern NC 1967, 1968; Honorable Mention All-American 1968; Team MVP 1967 and 1968. John attended UNC Chapel Hill from 1969-73 majoring and gaining an AB in Psychology. He was also a member of the UNC Basketball Team that was 1970-71 NIT Champs. He attended UNC Graduate School from 1973-75 gaining a MED degree in the area of Early Childhood Special Education. He was employed at Sarah Barker Center for the physically and mentally handicapped during the 1974-75 year. From 1986-1989, John was a teacher of Exceptional Children in the Durham County School System. Currently, he is self-employed with Setzer International Marketing Group.

Lawrence Campbell Cross
Class of 1956. He graduated from NC State with a BS degree in Forest Land Management. He has spent more than 30 years in forestry and construction machinery manufacturing, marketing international product development , retail sales, finance and leasing. He has done extensive traveling throughout the Far East, The Pacific Rim Countries, Africa, Scandinavia, Europe, Russia, North and South America, and Canada. From 1984-present, he is working with Orix Credit Alliance, Inc. as vice-president of Sales of the Forest Products Market in Atlanta. In 1990, he developed Cross Country Resources (CCR) Marketing in Georgia which is involved with domestic and international trade. He is still active with that business.

Barbara Diane Hall Edwards
Class of 1970. She graduated as Valedictorian. Diane graduated from the Watts School of Nursing in Durham, NC in 1973. While there, she received the National Hospitals Centennial School of Nursing Award. Her nursing career has include duty at Watts Hospital in Durham, Lee County Hospital, Veteran's hospital in Fayetteville, and Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford. She has been know to many as the "Good Samaritan" of Olivia Presbyterian Church over the years. He bed side manner and her christian witness bring to mind images of your favorite nurse.

Otho Eugene (Gene) Graham
Class of 1935. He was seriously wounded in action in France. He was awarded The Purple Heart for wounds he received in action.

David A. Huffines, Jr.
Class of 1937. He graduated from Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary where he also received his doctorate. During World War II, he served in Europe. From 1951-1959, he was minister of Lillington Presbyterian Church. In 1959, his family moved to Alabama where he was Executive Secretary of the Birmingham Presbytery until he retired in 1986. In his address delivered at the 50th anniversary of Benhaven School, he said " The story of the school is not told in pages of history but in the lives of the people."

Carolyn McAuley
Class of 1967. She was one of the first blacks to attend and graduate from Benhaven High School. After high school, she attended Sandhills Community College and then transferred to Campbell College where she majored in Business Administration. Carolyn is presently employed with BB&T Bank in Vass, NC as Office Manager.

Edward H. McCormick
Class of 1953. Ed served our country as a member of the 82nd Airborne. He completed his Law Degree from UNC Chapel Hill and practiced law for a number of years in Lillington. In the fall of 1984, he was elected to serve as a District Court Judge for the 11th district. Ed holds this position today.

Cuthbert C. McDonald
Class of 1931. Cuthbert was Civil Engineer and was Party Chief in the U.S. Coastal and Geodetic Survey in 1933-37.

Daniel Edwin McDonald
Class of 1928. He attended NC State and was a member of the ROTC there in 1932. He enlisted in the army and was a member of the Army Core of Engineers. His duties included tours in the Philippines and Germany, in addition to his state side assignments. After leaving the military, he served as an advisor to several NC Governors including: Moore, Scott, Hunt, and Martin on matters dealing with water resources. Daniel is active with Meal on Wheels.

Rex McLeod
Class of 1943 . Rex left Benhaven School soon after the start of World War II. The day he turned 17 years old, he joined the Marine Corp. After the war ended, he returned to North Carolina. He applied and was accepted to go to school in Winston Salem to Jewelry & Watch Repair School. After 2 ½ years, Rex returned to Sanford. In 1950, he opened his own Jewelry, Music, and Repair Shop. He ran this shop for 15 years before going into the Bowling Business which he still has. When he was 36 years old, he was elected Alderman for Ward 7 for the City of Sanford. He served there until he was appointed Mayor in 1981. Thereafter, he was elected for 13 years. Overall, he served the City for 28 years. He chose to retire in 1993.

Stanley McLeod
Class of 1939. Stanley attended Benhaven High school until the tenth grade. He joined the CC Camp in 1937 and transferred in the United States Army. He was killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. He was the only Veteran from North Carolina reported killed in the attack. The Sanford VFW was named in his honor, Stanley McLeod Post No.5631.

Rev. Odis Milton McNeill, DD
Class of 1942. He was staff sergeant of the US Marines from 1943-46 in the Pacific area. His degrees included a BA from Presbyterian College, Clinton, SC; a BD from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA; and an IHM from Columbia Seminary. He served more than 20 years (the PCUSA) and retired in Waco, Texas. He continued his ministry in volunteer prison ministry and hosted a radio talk show at KWTX radio. Odis died March 11, 1997.

Richard Vance McNeill
Class of 1977. He graduated **as Co-Saluatorian**. He received an Associate Degree from Fayetteville Technical Community College. He has served as Civil Engineering Project Superintendent with Jones Group in Charlotte, NC, constructing commercial/ industrial/ and institution buildings. Richard served as President of the Neill's Creek Development Association, Angier, NC. His hobbies include golf, fishing, and farming.

Steve McNeill
Class of 1971. He graduated from Sandhills Community College and Pembroke State with a Bachelor of Science Degree. In 1980, Steve received a Master's Degree in School Administration from Pembroke State. In 1990, he received an Education Specialist Certificate form Campbell University. He taught in Bladen and Harnett counties for 11 years prior to becoming a principal. He has served as Principal at Western High School and Benhaven Elementary.

John S. Monroe, Jr.
Class of 1956. He graduated from UNC Chapel Hill with a degree in Industrial Relations. He joined CP&L in 1961. He has held sales and managerial positions, and he has served as Administrative Assistant to CP&L Chairman, President Sharon Harris. Eastern Division Vice-president for special development projects. John retired in September 1996 with 35 years of service. Currently, he is working 3 days a week as a consultant for CP&L in the Raleigh headquarters in the Public Affairs Department. John has served in leadership positions in civic organizations and educational institutions.

William Murchison "Billy" Monroe
Class of 1956. He attended Benhaven through the 10th grade and graduated from Sanford Central. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with an undergraduate degree in History and an MD in Medicine. He did his internship at Tripler General Hospital in Hawaii. He held the rank of a captain in the US Army and was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Medical Badge in 1966. He is the owner of the Greenville Eye Clinic and is a highly sucessful Ophthalmologist in Greenville, NC.

Arthur Mouberry
Class of 1972. In 1976, he graduated form North Carolina State University with a BS in Civil Engineering. Arthur is employed by the State Department of Environment and Natural Resources. He is currently Chief of the Groundwater Section in the Division of Water Quality. He has managerial responsibility for 170 employees and a $9.2 million budget. Arthur is a registered Professional Engineer in the State of North Carolina.

Anita Davis Pearson
Class of 1976. After high school, she went to Undergraduate School at NC Central University, Durham, NC where she received a BA Degree in History. Anita attended Law School at UNC Chapel Hill, NC where she received her Juris Dr. degree. She is in Private Law Practice in Raleigh, NC. She resides in the Nightdale area outside of Raleigh.

Jackie Howard Pierce
Class of 1944. She has distinguished herself through her career of public service. She was elected to the Sanford Board of Alderman in 1986 and served for 2 terms. She was the first woman elected to this position. Her professional career included tenure as bookkeeper and comptroller at Central Carolina Community College. She retired as vice-president of Administrative Services at Rowan Cabarrus Community College in Salisbury.

James Albert Prince
Class of 1969. He attended Johnsonville School for 11 years prior to graduating from Benhaven. He attended Central Community College, Sanford, NC, and Foley Belsaw Institute in Missouri. He worked at Willamette Industries and retired with 25 years of service. He is owner and operator of JP's Keys and Locks. He is a member of the North Carolina and National Locksmith Association. He also serves as a counselor with True Apostolic Deliverance Center of Sanford.

Judith (Judy) Layne Thomas Ray
Class of 1968. She graduated with a BA degree in Journalism at UNC Chapel Hill in 1972. While there, she was inducted in PHI BETA KAPPA, the National Honor Society. She received her Master of Library Science degree from ASU in 1993_, and in 1996 her Educational Specialist (EdS) degree in Educational Media and Technology. Judy is Media Specialist at College Park Middle School in Hickory and Technology Trainer for the North Carolina Teacher Academy.

Lewis Rosser
Class of 1951. He was a United States Army Veteran, having served in an artillery unit during the Korean War. He sang for a number of years in several religious singing groups. He also enjoyed speaking to groups of people as goodwill ambassador. He was elected Harnett County Sheriff and was a member of the Sheriff's Association serving as their president in 1987. Lewis was a member of several civic and paternal groups including: The Masonic Order, The Benhaven Ruritan Club, and The Shriners. He will always be remembered for the concern that he had for the citizens of Harnett County and his desire to make Harnett County a better place to live.

Aubrey Spivey
Class of 1969. He served in the army in Korea, 1970-72. He received an Associate Degree in Business at Central Carolina Community College in 1974. He attends yearly seminars at the Institution of Government in Chapel Hill. He has served as Lee County Magistrate from February 1995 to the present. He presides over small claims court, performs marriages, and other duties. Aubrey resides in Broadway.

Herbert Thomas
Class of 1941. During the 50's, Herb won Late Model Stock Car Races known as Winston Cup. His record stands as 10th on all time wins to date. During 1951 and 1953, he won the NASCAR Points Championship. Herb "owned" the Southern 500 at Darlington, SC in the fifties as he was the first three time winner in 1951, 1954, and 1955. His success on the track brought him and the Olivia and Sanford area much recognition as he was named to the National Motosports Press Titles 1951 and 1953. He was selected for membership in the National Motosports Press Association Hall of Fame in Darlington, SC in 1965. He was selected to the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in Raleigh, NC in 1992, to the International Motosports Hall of Fame in Talledga, Alabama in 1994, and has been notified that he will be inducted into NASCAR Hall of Fame in Daytona Beach, FL on February 8, 1998 during Speed week.

Phil Thomas
Class of 1943. Phil worked with the Civil Service at Fort Bragg after graduation. He enlisted in the US Army in 1945 at the age of 18. During World War II, he served in the Phillipines, Islands of Luzon, Carrigador, and Battan. While he was in the service, he saw three of the five Star Generals: Douglas McArthur, Dwight Isenhour, and George Marshall. After the war, he returned home and entered a concrete business which continues until this day, 51 years. His community service has included serving as president of the Benhaven PTO, Benhaven Emergency Services, and the Men of the Church of Coastal Carolina Presbytery.

Flora Ragnhilde McDonald Van Sant
Class of 1956. Her college degrees include a BA in English from UNC Greensboro, a Master of Arts in Linguistics from UNC Chapel Hill, and a Dr of English Education from UNC Greensboro. Ragnhilde taught English at UNC Greensboro, Lenoir Rhyne, and East Carolina College. She presently is Director of the NC Teaching Fellows Program at East Carolina University.

Thomas A. Wilson
Class of 1964. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1968 from Campbell College with a BS degree in Chemistry. After completing graduation, he worked in Medic Chemistry with the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina. Thomas entered the School of Medicine there. He graduated with a MD degree in 1974. He then began a 3 year residency in Psychiatry with the Department of Psychiatry of the School of Medicine in Chapel Hill. From 1977 to the present, he has operated a private practice of Psychiatry in Sanfoard. He also serves as Clinical Director of the Lee-Harnett area Mental Health.

Lucille Howard York
Class of 1947. She has distinguished herself as a community leader and activist during her career. Her most notable professional accomplishment is her being elected to serve as clerk of Court for Lee County. She was first elected in 1986 and has served every since. She was the first woman to hold this office.

Notes